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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 2, 2005, please amend
the above-identified application as follows:

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.